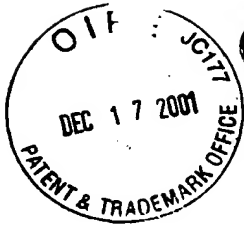


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PATENT
Docket No. 325772025400**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

AS A BELOW-NAMED INVENTOR, WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: IMAGE PROCESSOR, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR STORING IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAMS, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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WE HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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